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Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General (E/2009/78) on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[1] decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a Depositary Notification[2] dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 26 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (see annex).

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[2] C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 26 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, with reference to the Secretary-General's depositary notifications dated 6 April 2009 (C.N.194.2009. TREATIES-2) and 30 July 2009 (C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3), has the honour to draw attention to the procedures established in article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, which was initiated by Economic and Social Council decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of Japan does not accept the proposed amendments referred to in the above-mentioned notifications.

Parties to the Convention undertake the obligation to limit exclusively to medical and scientific purposes the production, manufacture, export, import, distribution of, trade in, use and possession of drugs. Parties also recognize that effective measures against the abuse of narcotic drugs require coordinated and universal action. As a party to the Convention, the Government of Japan adheres to the principles and objectives of the Convention. For these reasons, the Government of Japan has taken the above-mentioned decision.